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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (d) Distribution of relief on ground is the responsibility of the Government of Gujarat and no such report has been received from them.

Prices of Pulses and Oilseeds

3815. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the area under cultivation of pulses and oilseeds and their production for the last three years;
- (b) the quantum of imports of pulses and edible oil and their prices for the last three years;
- (c) the per capita availability of indigenous pulses and edible oils for the same period; and
- (d) the reasons for increase in the prices of pulses by leaps and bounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The area under cultivation of Pulses and Oilseeds and their production for the last three years are given below:

Area under cultivation of Pulses & Oilseeds during last three years
(Lakh hectare)

Year	Pulses	Oilseeds
1997-98	228.71	261.20
1998-99	235.00	262.30
1999-2000	211.89	243.80

***Production of Pulses & Oilseeds during last three years
(In Lakh Tonnes)***

Year	Pulses	Oilseeds
1997-98	129.79	213.66
1998-99	149.07	247.50
1999-2000	133.50	208.70

(b) The quantum of imports of pulses and edible oils and their prices for the last three years are given below:

Year	Pulses		Edible Oils	
	Qty. (L. Tonnes)	Value (Rs. crore)	Qty. (L. Tonnes)	Value (Rs. crore)
1997-98	10.08	1194.64	12.66	2767.140
1998-99	5.64	708.81	26.22	7588.93
1999-2000	2.04	273.77	41.96	7983.87

(c) The per capita availability of indigenous pulses and edible oils for the last three years taking the country's population as 100 crores is given below:

Year	Per Capita Availability (kg. per year)	
	Pulses	Edible Oils
1997-98(P)	12.9	6.2
1998-99(P)	14.9	7.3
1999-2000(P)	13.3	6.5

(d) The main reason for the high prices of pulses is the gap in domestic production and demand of pulses. The production of pulses during last 2 years. i.e. 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 has suffered due to continuous drought in the major pulses producing States.